

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for making content information available to a user and for allowing the user to determine a degree of random selection from among the content information, said system comprising:

5 a database for providing access to a plurality of content information;

a player for selecting from said database and rendering various of said content information; and

a controller for enabling a user to control a selection of content information from said database to be selected and rendered by said player, said controller comprising:

a inventory listing the content information available on said database;

15 a track selector for generating a playlist of various of said content information from said inventory for application of said playlist to said player;

a random generator coupled to said track selector for selectively causing said track selector to generate said playlist by randomly selecting content information from said inventory; and

20 a user interface for enabling a user to control said track selector, said user interface having a variable random control for

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controlling an amount of randomness of randomly selected content
information in forming said playlist, said variable random control
having a first position in which the track selector selects the
25 content information from the inventory to form the playlist in the
order in which the list of content information is stored in the
inventory, a last position in which the track selector selects the
content information from the inventory to form the playlist in a
random order under control of the random generator, and at least
30 one intermediate position in which the track selector selects the
content information from the inventory to form the playlist partly
according to the random generator and partly in the order in which
said list is stored.

2. (Currently Amended) The information processing system of as
claimed in claim 1, wherein:

~~—the equipment~~ the controller, through the user interface,
allows the user to indicate a plurality of sections from the
5 content; and

~~—the degree~~ the variable randomness control controls of the
randomness is chosen with respect to playing out the indicated
selections.

3. (Currently Amended) The information processing system of ~~as~~
claimed in claim 1, comprising wherein said information processing
system comprises an audio jukebox.

4. (Currently Amended) The information processing system of
claim 1, wherein said information processing system is implemented
in a client-server architecture, wherein preparing the selection is
performed on a remote server under control of the user interacting
5 with the client.

5. (Currently Amended) The information processing system of ~~as~~
claimed in claim 1, wherein said information processing system is
implemented in a client-server architecture, wherein preparing the
selection is performed on the content information downloaded from a
5 remote server onto a user's client.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling to supply content
information to a user, wherein the method allows the user to vary a
degree of random selection from among the content information, said
method comprising the steps of:

5 providing access to a plurality of content information;
selecting from said database and rendering various of said
content information; and

enabling a user to control a selection of content
information from said database to be selected and rendered by said
10 player, wherein said enabling step comprises the sub-steps:
generating a listing of the plurality of content
information;
generating a playlist of various of said content
information from said listing, said generating being performed
15 randomly; and
controlling an amount of randomness of said playlist
generating step, said controlling having predetermined range in
which at a first end of said range, said playlist generating step
generates the playlist from the listing in the order in which the
20 listing is formed, at a last end of said range, said playlist
generating step generates the playlist from the listing in a random
order, and at at least one intermediate position in the range, said
playlist generating step generates the playlist partly in a random
order and partly in the order in which said listing is formed.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Software~~ A software program for
installing on an information processing system ~~a functionality that~~
~~comprises making,~~ said software program enabling the information
processing system to select content information available to a
5 user from a database and allowing the allow a user to vary a degree
of random selection from among the content information, wherein

said software program causes the information processing system to perform the steps:

- selecting from said database and rendering various of said
10 content information; and
enabling a user to control a selection of content
information from said database to be selected and rendered by said
player, wherein said enabling step comprises the sub-steps:
generating a listing of the plurality of content
15 information;
generating a playlist of various of said content
information from said listing, said generating being performed
randomly; and
controlling an amount of randomness of said playlist
20 generating step, said controlling having predetermined range in
which at a first end of said range, said playlist generating step
generates the playlist from the listing in the order in which the
listing is formed, at a last end of said range, said playlist
generating step generates the playlist from the listing in a random
25 order, and at at least one intermediate position in the range, said
playlist generating step generates the playlist partly in a random
order and partly in the order in which said listing is formed.

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